



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

For the week ending September 16, 2012, there was a reported 6.7 days suitable for field work. **Box Elder County** reports unseasonably dry and warm conditions continued this week. Most dry land wheat farmers are delaying their fall planting as they are waiting for significant fall rains. Rain is still an issue for hay harvesting in **Garfield/Kane Counties**.

## Field Crop Summary

**Beaver County** reports 3rd crop alfalfa cutting moving right along. A lot of cut hay has been rained on. In **Box Elder County** the corn silage harvest is in full swing with reports indicating that yield has been about average to slightly above average. Spider mites were reported a problem for some corn producers. Small grain farmers have been working their fields and irrigating them with available water to restore soil moisture and to encourage seed to soil contact with spilled grain or weed seeds. Their intention is to either spray or work the new growth before drilling small grain. Farmers with dry land safflower have been cutting the crop in some locations to get it harvested before the Russian thistle gets too tall. Many of the safflower fields in the county have weed issues this year because of limited rainfall. Onion producers have been out lifting onions so they can begin to dry down. There is some concern that the warmer than normal temperatures could cause some sunburn in the onions in the fields, but the crop is mature and needs to be harvested. Producers have indicated that the market price for onions is good at the current time. The peach harvest was about two weeks earlier this year and yields and quality have been good. **Weber County** reports that the corn silage harvest and 4th & 5th crop alfalfa harvests are moving along well.

## Livestock Summary

**Beaver County** reports that livestock is looking good. **Box Elder County** livestock producers are concerned about fall forage for their animals. Some are beginning to gather animals off of summer ranges and move them to fall pastures. Feed is very limited in many situations due to the drought.

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 16, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	11	26	36	25	2
Corn	1	5	21	55	18
Sheep	0	2	25	66	7
Cattle/calves	0	3	31	60	6

## Crop Progress for Week Ending September 16, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	29	12	18	35
Oats Harvested (Grain)	88	85	86	89
Winter Wheat Planted	30	5	22	27
Corn Dough Stage	93	88	76	88
Corn Dent Stage	67	48	27	49
Corn Mature	23	10	2	19
Corn Silage Harvested	33	23	1	13
Alfalfa Third Cutting	86	85	63	75
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	23	8	NA	7
Apple Harvested	29	7	4	20
Peach Harvested	77	55	52	69

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 16, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	22	42	36	0
Subsoil	31	42	27	0
Irrigation water supplies	33	30	37	0
Stock water supplies	13	40	47	0